

### **REMARKS**

Claims 15-35 were pending in the subject application.

Claims 24-35 stand withdrawn by the Examiner.

Claims 15 and 23 are amended.

According claims 15-23 are pending in the subject application.

The claims are amended to more clearly define the subject matter of the present invention.

Claim 15 was amended to more closely recite the invention as found in the specification. More specifically, the claim is supported in the specification at p. 5, line 13 to p. 6, line 24 (published document at paras. [0016] and [0017]) and at p. 8, lines 14-24 (published document US2004/0125317A1 at para. [0021]), the figures and elsewhere in the specification.

Claim 23 was amended to more closely recite the invention as found in the specification. In particular, an element in base claim 15 has been incorporated in claim 23 for further clarity.

No new matter is added.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following remarks.

### **Election Requirements**

Applicant affirms the election of claims 15-23. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications to cover the subject matter of the withdrawn claims.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112**

The Examiner rejects claims 15-23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. More specifically, the Examiner rejects claim 15 because base claim 15 contains the recitation “obtaining a liquid crystal cell having a liquid crystal disposed in a space between two substrate stuck together by a sealant ...” which is a separate step from “forming a first opening and a second opening on at

(Examiner's that) least one side face of the liquid crystal cell, wherein the first and second openings communicate with the space having the liquid crystal;" Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, fully complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection to claims 15-23 on this basis. The method steps are fully supported in the specification as provided above. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 15-23.

**Conclusion:**

In summary, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that end is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the subject application, applicant requests that the undersigned be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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